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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PRESS REPORTS THAT THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO  
ON TURKEY TO BE LIFTED.

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1. PROMPTED BY INQUIRIES FROM ATHENS-BASED NEW YORK TIMES  
CORRESPONDENT NICHOLAS GAGE, WHO HAD BEEN ASKED BY NEW YORK  
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TO REPORT ON THE GREEK REACTION TO AN APRIL 2 NEW YORK TIMES  
STORY ON THE EMBARGO, GREEK OPPOSITION FIGURES HAVE COME OUT  
STRONGLY AGAINST EFFORTS TO LIFT THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO  
AGAINST TURKEY. PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER ANDREAS  
PAPANDREOU OF PASOK STATED HE WAS NOT SURPRISED AT  
DEVELOPMENTS AND REFERRED TO THE "CYNICISM" OF THE  
CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS BY ARMING

TURKEY WHICH HAD BRUTALLY INVADDED CYPRUS IN 1974. PAPANDREOU MAINTAINED THAT HE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ENCOURAGED TURKEY'S CLAIMS IN THE AEGEAN AND CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO GREECE. HE STRESSED THAT GREECE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CLOSE THE U.S. BASES AND END ALL DISCUSSION ABOUT RETURNING TO THE MILITARY WING OF NATO. FORMER UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER LEADER GEORGE MAVROS ALSO ISSUED A STRONG STATEMENT OPPOSING THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT GAGE ALSO OBTAINED A STATEMENT FROM CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU.)

2. ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY, DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID: "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS RIGHT AND FAIR TO PROPOSE THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO BEFORE THE TURKISH SIDE SUBMITS ITS PROPOSALS ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, WHICH TURKEY SAID WOULD BE 'REASONABLE'."

3. THE GREEK MEDIA REPORTED PROMINENTLY OVER THE WEEKEND THE PROBABILITY THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTENDED TO SEEK TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. THE SUNDAY (APRIL 2) PRESS FOCUSED ON AN APRIL 1 WASHINGTON POST STORY ALONG THESE LINES AND WROTE THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE STILL SOME DETAILS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE WORKED OUT, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO PRESS FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND TO WITHDRAW THE FOUR-YEAR \$1 BILLION COMMITMENT OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IN FAVOR OF A YEAR-BY-YEAR APPROACH. IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, SAID MOST REPORTING, TURKEY WOULD AGREE NOT TO CLOSE THE AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS ALSO CITED CONGRESSIONAL AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN WASHINGTON IN REPORTING THE STORY. TO VIMA'S U.S. CORRESPONDENT, EFSTATHIADES, WENT INTO GREATER DETAIL THAN MOST ACCOUNTS IN DESCRIBING WHAT HE CLAIMED WOULD BE THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FOUR-YEAR AID COMMITMENT WOULD BE DROPPED, TURKEY WOULD STILL RECEIVE \$250 MILLION OF ASSISTANCE IN THE COMING YEAR. MCCLOSKEY

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